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DEAR EDITOR:

AT ONE POINT IN MAX HOLLAND'S REVIEW OF RECENT BOOKS ON THE JFK ASSASSINATION AND THE "FINAL REPORT" OF THE ASSASSINATION RECORDS REVIEW BOARD ("THE NATION", 12/7/98) HE INTERPOSES HIS THOUGHT ABOUT "SOME NEEDED PERSPECTIVE ON OSWALD'S FEAT OF ARMS IN DEALEY PLAZA." NOTICEABLY ABSENT IN MR. HOLLAND'S PIECE WAS NOT JUST A "PERSPECTIVE" BUT WHETHER HOLLAND'S "PERSPECTIVE" (OR ANY OF THE "MYTH-MAKER" AUTHORS HE ALLUDES TO) IS LEGITIMATELY BASED ON REAL SOLID EVIDENCE FOR OSWALD'S ALLEGED "FEAT". AND THERE IS THAT EVIDENCE PROVIDED FOR NOT BY THE "MYTH-MAKERS" BUT BY THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN EXPERTS (WHICH INCLUDED THE FBI AMONG OTHERS).

IF ANYONE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THIS EVIDENCE IT HAS TO BE MR. HOLLAND FOR HE IS, AS THE "NATION" STATES, DOING A HISTORY OF THE WARREN COMMISSION. UNFORTUNATELY FOR MR. HOLLAND THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN EVIDENCE MAKES A CASE

AGAINST DRAWING THE CONCLUSION OF "LONE NUT" OSWALD COMMITTING THE ASSASSINATION. TO REFRESH MR. HOLLAND'S MEMORY ON THIS POINT THE HARD EVIDENCE GIVEN TO THE WARREN COMMISSION (AND SUBSEQUENTLY STUDIED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE YEARS LATER) BY THE FBI DETERMINED THAT OSWALD (OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER) COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE FIRED THE VERY FIRST SHOT WHICH STRUCK JFK (AND DID NOT MISS AS OTHERS MAINTAIN). THE FBI'S DETERMINATION (AND NOT THE "MYTH-MAKERS") WAS THAT THE SNIPER'S VIEW FROM THE ALLEGED "SNIPER'S NEST" WAS BLOCKED SO HE COULDN'T HAVE FIRED DURING AN ABSOLUTE TIME SEQUENCE IN THE FAMOUS ZAPRUDER FILM WHICH REVEALS JFK'S REACTIONS.

IF MR. HOLLAND WANTS TO RELY ON OTHER "EVIDENCE" CITING A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CRIME BY GOVERNMENT EXPERTS HE HAS NO SUPPORT THERE EITHER FOR THESE EXPERTS DID NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS "FEAT" ON EITHER A STATIONARY OR MOVING FIGURE.

MOREOVER, MR. HOLLAND WILL HAVE TO RECONCILE THE FOLLOWING FIVE ACCOUNTS (FOUR OF WHOM WERE WITNESSES TO THE ACTUAL EVENT) WHICH REFER TO THE ALLEGED "MAGIC BULLET" THAT CAUSED SEVEN WOUNDS IN TWO MEN. BRIEFLY CITED THESE ARE:

(1) JOHN CONNALLY – HIS WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY (THAT HE WAS HIT BY A SEPARATE BULLET)

(2) MRS. CONNALLY – "THERE WAS NO MAGIC BULLET" – ON ABC "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" 11/23/98

(3) LYNDON JOHNSON (DISCUSSING THE "MAGIC BULLET WITH SEN. RICHARD RUSSELL) - - "I DON'T BELIEVE IT"

(4) RICHARD RUSSELL (SAME CONVERSATION) - - "I DON'T BELIEVE IT, EITHER"

(5) SECRET SERVICEMAN ROY KELLERMAN (BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION) = "GENTLEMEN, THERE HAD TO BE MORE THAN THREE SHOTS" (REPEATED TWICE)

AS I'M SURE MR. HOLLAND KNOWS ONE DOESN'T NEED A SOPHISTICATED COMPUTER THAT KELLERMAN'S COMMENT ADDS UP TO A TOTAL OF (AT LEAST) FOUR BULLETS. AND FOUR BULLETS, AS A WARREN COMMISSION STAFF MEMBER NOTED, MEANS CONSPIRACY.

NO "MYTH-MAKER" MADE UP THESE PIECES OF INFORMATION AND IF MR. HOLLAND WANTS TO ENGAGE IN A "FEAT" OF DOING A REAL HISTORY OF THE WARREN COMMISSION ONE WILL HAVE TO WONDER ALOUD WHAT HIS "PERSPECTIVE" IS. IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE SO MANY HAVE FOUND THE WARREN COMMISSION, AND YES, THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE, TOO, SO DERELICT IN ACCOMPLISHING ITS STATED MISSION OF FINDING THE TRUTH, THAT WE HAVE TO PAUSE AND HOLD SUSPECT MR. HOLLAND'S FINDINGS.

Yours truly,

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